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Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center's First Annual Auction and Gala Cocktail Party

The Parents' Association of the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center is pleased to announce its First Annual Auction and Gala Cocktail Party which will be held at the synagogue on Thursday evening, April 25, 1996. Both live and silent auctions of donated items will take place. The enthusiastic parent body has already obtained over 150 wonderful items, among which are a day of beauty, a weekend in the Hamptons, a speedboat extravaganza around Manhattan, and a dream weekend on-the-town which includes hotel, dinner, theater tickets and a horse and buggy ride. Many other fabulous items will also be auctioned; there will be party favors for all who attend.

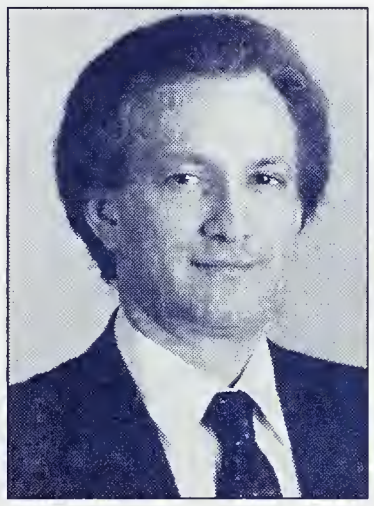
The proceeds from this event will be used to continue to enhance and support the nursery school's library, playground and scholarship funds. Appropriately, the evening's theme will be "Field of Dreams" — *if we build it they will read, if we build it they will play, if we build it they will thrive.*

The Parents' Association asks that all members of the congregation consider donating goods, services or specialty items. Contributions of airline tickets, hotel stays, theater or sporting event tickets, child-related items or other luxury items would be greatly appreciated. Especially needed are "priceless" items such as a walk-on role in a movie or television show, lunch with a celebrity or other similar fantasy opportunity. To make a donation, contact either Stacey Baumer at 772-6302 or Rande Merdinger at 744-4277. The help and support of the entire congregation is essential to this auction's success!

Invitations will go out in a synagogue mailing. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to participate in this spectacular fun-filled event.

20th Shabbat Morning Liturgical Music Service – March 16, 1996

On Shabbat morning, March 16, 1996, the Main Sanctuary will be filled with the magnificent music of our annual Classical Shabbat Morning Liturgical Music Service, marking the 20th successive year of this special service.



Cantor David Lefkowitz has for many years brought us an appreciation of the music of Jewish worship of the 19th and 20th centuries, revitalized for modern congregational prayer.

Our modern society tends to embrace new styles and fads, often to the detriment of our revered traditions. Cantor Lefkowitz will therefore revisit some of the finer traditional works of the last 19 years as well as present some newer compositions. Thus he will reflect our conservative philosophy of tradition and change.

Since 1968, the 18-voice Synagogue Concert Choir has been led by the outstanding and noted conductor Abraham Kaplan, who sees his role as that "of bringing music to life by interpreting the intentions of composers..." and "shaping the music in the same way that a good speaker brings a text to life." The beauty of the service will be augmented by the renowned organist Neil Robinson,

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Kenneth Jacobson Will Speak at Sisterhood Program Meeting – Tuesday, March 19

Sisterhood is proud to announce that Kenneth Jacobson, assistant national director of B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League and one of the foremost authorities on the Middle East, will speak at its open program meeting on Tuesday, March 19, promptly at 12 Noon (one hour earlier than usual because Mr. Jacobson has another speaking engagement in Baltimore early that same evening). His topic will be: "Reflections on the Assassination of Rabin and its Aftermath."

In his position, Mr. Jacobson represents the ADL on substantive matters and is responsible for coordinating and supervising its programmatic areas.

He is also director of the International Affairs Division of ADL, the division that monitors and analyzes events affecting Jews in the Middle East, Europe and Latin America.

Before joining ADL in 1972 as a member of its Research and Evaluation Department, he was a research associate at City University and an administrator of college testing programs at New York University. Since 1972, he has risen through ADL's ranks from assistant director of the Middle Eastern Affairs Department in 1977, to director of the International Affairs Division in 1990, to his most recent appointment in 1994 as its assistant national director.

He was a recipient of the 1983 Milton A. Senn Award for Professional Excellence, is the author of numerous publications about the Middle East and has had articles appear in *The Washington Post, The New York Times,*

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F R O M T H E

Rabbi's Desk

Instead of my regular column this month, I have submitted President Bill Clinton's eulogy for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Rabbi Lincoln with a group from the New York Board of Rabbis who visited Prime Minister Rabin in September, 1995.

"Yitzhak Rabin Lived the History of Israel"

"Leah, the American people mourn with you in the loss of your leader. And I mourn with you, for he was my partner and friend. Every moment we shared was a joy because he was a good man and an inspiration because he was also a great man."

"I know that too many times in the life of this country you were called upon to comfort and console the mothers and fathers, the husbands and the wives, the sons and the daughters who lost their loved ones to violence and vengeance. You gave them strength. Now, we here, and millions of people all over the world in all humility and honor offer you our

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SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES for MARCH, 1996

Friday evening, March 1 ..... 6:15 P.M.

HAY GRADE KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE & DINNER

Saturday morning, March 2 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Tot Shabbat ..... 11:15 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Jared Mesznik
son of Joel and Lynne Mesznik

Erev Purim
Reading of the Megillah

Monday evening, March 4 ..... 5:45 P.M.
Purim Service for Young Children ..... 5:00 P.M.

Purim — Reading of the Megillah

Tuesday morning, March 5 ..... 6:30 A.M.

Friday evening, March 8 ..... 6:15 P.M.

ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE
(speaker to be announced)
followed by a
CONGREGATIONAL SHABBAT DINNER
(By Advance Reservation Only)

Saturday morning, March 9 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service ..... 9:15 A.M.

Friday evening, March 15 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, March 16 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

20TH ANNUAL SHABBAT MORNING LITURGICAL MUSIC SERVICE

Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Bernstein
son of Jonathan and Penny Ann Bernstein

Friday evening, March 22 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, March 23 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Havurah Service ..... 9:15 A.M.

Friday evening, March 29 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat ..... 8:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, March 30 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Elana Zaiman will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Judith Naimark and the synagogue choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting for children 2 to 5 years of age is available every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

Purim Services Monday, March 4

This year, there will be two terrific services for the holiday of Purim on Monday evening, March 4.

A special Purim service for young children (suggested ages up to second grade) and their parents is planned from 5 to 5:45 P.M. in the Hall of Worship on the Lower Level. Dress them up adorably in costumes and come celebrate Purim!

The regular Purim service consisting of the Minhah service and the reading of the Megillah for adults and older children (suggested ages third grade and above; costumes welcome) will take place in the Main Sanctuary at 5:45 P.M.

Everyone, come celebrate Purim! There will be hamantaschen for all!

The Megillah will also be read at the morning service at 6:30 A.M. on Tuesday, March 5.

PASSOVER SERVICES

Siyum for the First Born

Wednesday morning, April 3 ..... 7:15 A.M.

Erev Passover – First Seder
(Congregational Seder – By Advance Reservation Only)

Wednesday evening, April 3 ..... 5:45 P.M.

First Day of Passover

Thursday morning, April 4 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Second Seder
(Congregational Seder-By Advance Reservation Only)

Thursday evening, April 4 ..... 5:45 P.M.

Second Day of Passover

Friday morning, April 5 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Friday evening, April 5 ..... 6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, April 6 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Tot Shabbat ..... 11:15 A.M.

Bar Mitzvah of Michael Olden
son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Olden

Food Pantry Shabbat

Tuesday evening, April 9 ..... 5:45 P.M.

Seventh Day of Passover

Wednesday morning, April 10 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.
Wednesday evening, April 10 ..... 5:45 P.M.

Eighth Day of Passover

Thursday morning, April 11 ..... 9:15 A.M.
Hashkama Service ..... 7:30 A.M.

Yizkor Memorial Service

PASSOVER WORKSHOP

Sunday, March 31
10 to 11:30 A.M.

Come hone your Seder skills at a Passover Workshop led by Rabbi Elana Zaiman. Get the tools and know-how to make this year's Passover Seders your best yet! Tuition is free.

ANNUAL MEN'S CLUB FRIDAY NIGHT SERVICE

March 8 at 6:15 P.M.

(Speaker to be Announced)

followed by a Congregational Shabbat Dinner at 7:15 P.M.

(Advance reservations are required)

Kenneth Jacobson

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The Christian Science Monitor and *Newsday.* He is also the author of the annual article on U.S.-Israel Relations in *The American Jewish Yearbook.*

Plan to attend this Sisterhood program to hear one of the foremost experts on the Middle East.

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From The Rabbi's Desk

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strength."

"Yitzhak Rabin lived the history of Israel. Through every trial and triumph-the struggle for independence, the wars for survival, the pursuit of peace and all he served on the front lines-this son of David and of Solomon took up arms to defend Israel's freedom and laid down his life to secure Israel's future."

"He was a man completely without pretense, as all his friends knew."

"To him, ceremonies and words were less important than actions and deeds. Six weeks ago, as the King and President Mubarak will remember, we were at the White House signing for the Israeli-Palestinian agreement. A lot of people spoke. I spoke. The King spoke. Chairman Arafat spoke. President Mubarak spoke. Our foreign ministers spoke. And finally, Prime Minister Rabin got up to speak, and he said, 'First the good news. I am the last speaker.'"

"But he also understood the power of words and symbolism. 'Take a look at the stage,' he said in Washington, 'the King of Jordan, the President of Egypt, Chairman Arafat, and us, the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel on one platform. Please take a good hard look. The sight you see before you was impossible, unthinkable just three years ago. Only poets dreamed of it. And to our great pain, soldiers and civilians went to their deaths to make this moment possible.'"

"Those were his words."

"Today, my fellow citizens of the world, I ask all of you to take a good hard look at this picture. Look at the leaders from all over the Middle East and around the world who have journeyed here for Yitzhak Rabin and for peace. Though we no longer hear his deep, booming voice, it is he who brought us together again here in word and deed for peace..."

"Now it falls to all of us who love peace

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Congregational Shabbat Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 • 7:15 P.M.

(hosted by the Men's Club)

following the
Men's Club Friday Night Service
at 6:15 P.M.

$25 per person
$10 each for children under 8 years of age

Please call the synagogue office (369-2600) to make your reservation.

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and who loved him to carry on the struggle to which he gave life and for which he gave his life. He cleared the path, and his spirit continues to light the way. His spirit lives on in the growing peace between Israel and her neighbors. It lives in the eyes of the children—the Jewish and Arab children who are leaving behind a past of fear for a future of hope. It lives on in the promise of true security."

"So, let me say to the people of Israel, even in your hour of darkness, his spirit lives on, so, you must not lose your spirit. Look at what you have accomplished—making a once barren desert bloom, building a thriving democracy in a hostile terrain, winning battles and wars, and now, winning the peace, which is the only enduring victory."

"Your Prime Minister was a martyr for peace, he was victim of hate. Surely we must learn from his martyrdom that if people cannot let go of the hatred of their enemies, they risk sowing the seeds of hatred among themselves. I ask you, the people of Israel, on behalf of my nation that knows its own long litany of loss, from Abraham Lincoln to President Kennedy, to Martin Luther King, do not let that happen to you."

"In the Knesset, in your homes, in your places of worship, stay the righteous course."

"As Moses said to the Children of Israel when he knew he would not cross over into the promised land, 'Be strong and of good courage. Fear not, for God will go with you. He will not fail you. He will not forsake you.'"

—Rabbi David H. Lincoln

The Chancellor and the Cardinal

The chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary and the archbishop of New York's Catholic Church spoke to a packed house at the third annual Nostra Aetate ("In Our Time") Dialogue. Sponsored by Fordham University, the event is named in honor of the declaration of the Second Vatican Council that put relations between the Catholic Church and non-Christian religions on an entirely new footing. Both Chancellor Ismar Schorsch and John Cardinal O'Connor spoke movingly about Jewish-Catholic relations, how they have evolved in the wake of Vatican II, the Vatican's recognition of Israel in 1993 and what the new millennium might bring.

Congratulations

Park Avenue Synagogue extends a hearty Mazal Tov to:

Mrs. Carol Furman, upon the engagement of her daughter, Debbie Miller, to Billie Wolff. Debbie is a teacher in Park Avenue Synagogue's Early Childhood Center.

Jeff and Miriam Gass, upon the birth of their son, Brian. Jeff is Park Avenue Synagogue's accountant.

Shari and Stuart Kaplan, upon the birth of their daughter, Hannah Pearl Kaplan.

Marlene and Norman Kreinen, upon the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Wendy, to Adam Modlin.

Corinne LaPook and Wayne Pasternack, upon the birth of their second son, Jessie Gus; to Sam, upon the birth of his new brother.

Leah and Barrie Modlin, upon the forthcoming marriage of their son, Adam, to Wendy Kreinen.

Lite and Arnold Sabin, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Victoria Sabin Garner.

Susan and Henry Vogelstein, upon their 50th wedding anniversary.

Lunch & Learn Sessions Thursdays at 12 Noon

The following is the schedule of lunch and learn sessions with the members of Park Avenue Synagogue's clergy during the months of March, April and May (subject, of course, to last minute changes).

March: 7 — Rabbi David H. Lincoln
14 — Rabbi Elana Zaiman
21 — Cantor David Lefkowitz
28 — Cantor Judith Naimark

April: 4 — Passover — No L & L Session
11 — Passover — No L & L Session
18 — Rabbi David H. Lincoln
25 — Rabbi Elana Zaiman

May: 2 — Rabbi David H. Lincoln
9 — Cantor Judith Naimark
16 — Rabbi Elana Zaiman

Bring your own dairy or kosher brown bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Liturgical Music Service

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whose 30th anniversary with the congregation was recently celebrated.

Once again, the Classical Liturgical Music Service will be made possible through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Shapiro, in memory of Sarah and Samuel Shapiro.

As in past years, a gala kiddush and reception for the artists will follow this special Shabbat morning service.

CD Liturgical Collection Named for Nathan B. Kogan

Cantor David Lefkowitz has announced the launching of a major new musical project at the Park Avenue Synagogue, the establishment of the "Nathan B. Kogan Library of Jewish Liturgical Classics." This library will consist of a series of compact discs (CD's) containing recordings of outstanding musical services presented at Park Avenue Synagogue over the years. The recordings will be produced under the supervision of Cantor Lefkowitz and will meet the highest audio standards.

The "Nathan B. Kogan Library of Jewish Liturgical Classics" is a fitting memorial to one who was devoted to Conservative Judaism, to fine music and to the perpetuation of Park Avenue Synagogue's liturgical heritage. He took great pride in our synagogue's international reputation as the congregation which has set the standard for musical excellence in the Conservative movement.

Mr. Kogan served the congregation for many years as treasurer, trustee and chairman of the congregation's Seminary Committee. He also served on the Seminary's Board of Directors.

The first CD in the series will contain "Neilah," the closing service of the Yom Kippur liturgy and will be completed by mid-1996. Other discs of the Yom Kippur eve and day services; music from the 50th Anniversary Concert; "Bless the Land with Peace" in honor of the State of Israel; earlier cassette recordings and other important works done at the Park Avenue Synagogue will follow. The series will comprise a unique audio resource for students and lovers of Jewish liturgical music.

This project will be funded by an ongoing six-year grant from the Kogan family and the Brand Foundation of New York.

We Take Pride In

Judy Katz, who has had some of her watercolor paintings on exhibit since January 20th at the Gallery of the Greene County Council on the Arts in Catskill, N.Y. The showing will continue until March 16th. The watercolors being shown are some of those she painted of the Catskill Mountains which are in her recently published book, *A Painter's Guide to the Catskills of Rip Van Winkle: The Magic Places.*

Abigail Revasch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Revasch, who recently appeared in the Off-Broadway Holocaust Play entitled the "Grey Zone."

Notes From the Edmond de Rothschild Library

New Books:

Ettinger: *Hannah Arendt — Martin Heidegger*
Fox: *The Five Books of Moses* (new translation) donated by Mrs. Vicki Wimpfheimer, in memory of Dr. Seymour Wimpfheimer.
Hirsch: *Last Dance at the Hotel Kempinski*
Lewittes: *Jewish Marriage*
Weilerstein: *K'tonton's Yom Yippur Kitten* (Juvenile)
Whiteman: *The Uprooted — A Hitler Legacy*
Zornberg: *Genesis — The Beginning of Desire*

Video Library:

A new video, "Survivors of the Holocaust," produced by Steven Spielberg, has been donated to the library's video collection by Mr. and Mrs. Leon I. Heller.

The library will be closed during the following days in March:
— Monday and Tuesday, March 4 and 5
— Sunday, March 31

— Susan Vogelstein, Librarian

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WEG Program on Stress-Free Renovations Monday, March 11

Home renovations are a way of life even in Manhattan. Many people own their own homes and apartments and even those who don't struggle to make their living space work for all their needs, especially with the increase in home offices. But, does renovating or decorating your living space have to be a hair-raising experience? Not if you have good professionals to help you.

Come to the Women's Evening Group's program on "Stress-Free Renovations" at 7:30 P.M. on Monday evening, March 11 to find out more on this topic from a panel of experts. A trio of design professionals, who are also members of the Women's Evening Group, have arranged an interesting program. They are Stephanie Bruker, Gail Gerard and Judy Katz.

The panel will consist of the following professionals:

- Jill Alsman from Beacon Hill and Robert Allen Fabrics
- Stephanie Bruker of Toute Suite Design and Bruker Design Associates
- Renee Cooley, lighting designer responsible for the addition to and renovation of the Guggenheim Museum
- Michael Zenreich, AIA, building code and zoning consultant.
- Judy Katz of Judy Katz Designs will act as the moderator.

In addition to the panel discussion, there will be an informative slide presentation and handouts.

Don't miss this exiting and informative program event. Bring your friends. Refreshments will be served.

Annual Sisterhood Lecture Series With Rabbi Lincoln Will Begin March 19

Rabbi David H. Lincoln will hold another of his much acclaimed annual lecture series on behalf of Park Avenue Synagogue's Sisterhood. This year, on three Tuesday mornings, March 19, 26 and April 2 at 10:30 A.M., Rabbi Lincoln will speak on the topic, "The Jews in the Modern World: The American Experience." These three lectures will take place in the Appleman Chapel.

Prior to each lecture, at 10 A.M., coffee and breakfast buns will be served outside the chapel.

Mark your calendars to hold these dates for what promises to be another interesting series of lectures at Park Avenue Synagogue.

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Men's Club Matzoh Brei Brunch with Princess Pricilla the Lady Music Clown Sunday, April 14

For Park Avenue Synagogue kids two to eight years of age and their dads, plan ahead and come to the Men's Club Matzoh Brei Brunch from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon on Sunday, April 14. This fun-filled event will feature Princess Pricilla, the lady music clown, with songs, games, lots of participation and Princess Pricilla's wacky brand of humor!!

Cost: Men's Club members — $10; non-members $15; all children $6.

For information or to make your reservation, a must, call Marc Powers at 517-5348.

SAVE THE DATE!

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1996
Jewish Theological Seminary Dinner

Alan Levine Will be Honored

Barry A. Bryer is the chairperson for this event.

In Celebration of Passover

Funds For Ma'ot Hittin

It is an ancient tradition among our people to help our less fortunate fellow Jews celebrate Passover by contributing funds for Ma'ot Hittin, literally "money for wheat," the wheat used to make matzah.

If you wish to do so, please send your contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and designate it for the Passover Fund.

Project Dorot

We are invited to assist Project Dorot reach out to elderly poor living on the Upper West Side by delivering Passover packages to them.

There are several things we can do to help. We can purchase and/or collect Kosher for Passover foods and deliver them to the offices of Project Dorot. We can volunteer to help deliver Passover packages to elderly persons. For more information or to volunteer, please call Project Dorot at 769-2850.

Project Ezra

Our high school students will be assisting Project Ezra deliver Kosher for Passover food packages to the elderly members of Project Ezra on Sunday, March 31st from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Volunteer adults with cars are needed to drive the high school students around the Lower East Side. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Misha Avramoff at Project Ezra at 982-4124 between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

Selling Hametz

Members of the congregation who wish to "sell their hametz" through the offices of Rabbi Lincoln may do so by calling his secretary during business hours at 369-2600. Offerings may be made to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund.

The Food Pantry suggests that when you physically rid your home of hametz, you donate the food to the Food Pantry for distribution to the hungry poor in our neighborhood. You will be performing a double mitzvah by bringing your hametz to the synagogue for this purpose.

Service For The First Born

On Wednesday morning, April 3rd at the 7:15 A.M. service, Rabbi Lincoln will conduct a siyum for the first born.

Congregational Sedarim

A traditional seder will take place at the synagogue on the first and second nights of Passover, Wednesday and Thursday April 3 & 4 following the evening services.

The first seder will be conducted by Rabbi Elana Zaiman and Cantor Judith Naimark with Neil Robinson at the piano. The second seder will be conducted by Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Cantor David Lefkowitz and the Synagogue Choir accompanied by Neil Robinson at the piano.

Celebrations in the Mazer School of Religious Studies

Study seders will take place on March 26, 27 and 28.

Passover Dietary Laws

Prohibited Foods

Prohibited Foods include: leavened bread. cakes, biscuits, crackers. cereal, coffee with cereal derivatives in them, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. In addition, most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans. peas, peanuts; but string beans are permitted). Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid the use of legumes in a form other than its natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil, peanut oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult Rabbi Lincoln for guidance in the use of these products.

Permitted Foods

A. The following foods require no kosher lePesah label if purchased prior to Pesah: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee (without cereal additives), sugar, pure tea, salt. pepper, natural spices. fruit juices with no additives (frozen, canned, or bottled), frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes. see above), milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, tuna in water (no oil added), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

B. The following foods require no kosher lePesah label if purchased either before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables (except for legumes above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a kosher lePesah label if purchased either before or during Pesah: All baked products (matzoh, cakes, matzoh flour, farfel, matzoh meal, and any products containing matzoh), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.

D. The following foods require a kosher lePesah label if purchased during Pesah: Processed foods (canned, frozen, or bottled): milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in category C.

Detergents: If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher lePesah label.

Medicine: Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guides should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used during Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult Rabbi Lincoln. In all cases, capsules are preferable.

Kashering of Utensils

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil. Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashering by fire and heat and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

A. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. But fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. Metal (wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking and eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

C. Oven and Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil

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Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mrs. Renee Ascher, upon the death of her father, Ben Adler.

Mrs. Florence Fletcher, upon the death of her husband, Irving Fletcher.

Mrs. Evelyn Gelman, upon the death of her mother, Lillian Goldstein.

Mr. Irving Hoffman, upon the death of his wife, Sheila Hoffman.

Mr. Peter Aron Hoffman, upon the death of his father, Maurice Hoffman.

Mr. Myles Horn, upon the death of his father, Harry Horn.

Ms. Varda Hubara, upon the death of her father, Haim Hubara.

Mrs. Deborah Lewison, upon the death of her mother, Ruth Cohen.

Mr. Howard Teich, upon the death of his father, Dr. Samuel Teich.

Mr. Robert Tetenbaum, upon the death his father, Stanley Tetenbaum.

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Myriad March Events in the Mazer School of Religious Studies

The following events will take place in the elementary school during the month of March:

• On Friday, March 1 at 6:15 P.M., the Hay grade will conduct the Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat Service in the Main Sanctuary. Following the service, the students and their families will enjoy a festive Shabbat dinner.

• On Saturday, March 2, there will be a Family Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Elana Zaiman from 9:45 to 11 A.M. in the Appleman Chapel.

• On Monday, March 4, from 5 to 5:45 P.M., children up to the second grade and their parents are invited to a special program and Purim Puppet Show in the Hall of Worship. At 5:45 P.M., the reading of "Megillat Ester" will take place in the Main Sanctuary. Children from third grade and up and their families are invited to participate in the main Purim service.

• On Saturday, March 9, the Vav grade will hold its second Parent/Student "B'Yahad" Program. Judith Goldsmith will present a one person show: "A Sephardic Tapestry" from 8:45 to 10 A.M. in Room 308. At 10 A.M. everyone will join the junior congregation, led by the Vav students, in the Appleman Chapel.

• On Saturday evening, March 9, the Hay grade will have its second Parent/Student "B'Yahad" Program. The students and their parents will participate in the "Havdalah" service which will be led by Rabbi Michal Springer.

• On Tuesday, March 12 from 5 to 6 P.M. in Room 408, the Bet students will attend their second Parent/Student "Together" Program led by Rabbi Michal Springer. The topic will be: Tefila.

• On Saturday, March 16, the Gimel grade will have its third Parent/Student "Together" Program from 9 to 11 A.M. in Room 308.

• School practice Sederim will take place on March 26, 27 and 28. Students will read the Haggadah and review the parts of the Seder.

MELAMED CLUB YOUNG SINGLES GROUP

Wednesday, March 20
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In Celebration of Passover *(continued from page 6)*

setting, use it. Self-cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. Microwave ovens, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and then a cup of water should he placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

D. Glassware: Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours, while the other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesah or putting it through a dishwasher.

E. Dishwasher: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. Electrical Appliances: If the parts that come into contact with hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

G. Tables, closets. and counters: If used with hametz, they should he thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen sink: A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning, and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be clean and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

L. Hametz and non-Passover utensils: Non-Passover dishes, pots and hametz whose ownership has been transferred, should he separated, locked up or covered, and marked so as to prevent accidental use.

Hag Kasher V'Sameah
A Kosher And Happy Passover!

"Is Music Traditional for Jewish Prayer?"

A number of my long-time friends in our congregation have suggested that I write a monthly column to share knowledge on issues of synagogue music that concern us today. This month, I'd like to address the issue of organ and instrumental music in a traditional service.

Frequently, I am questioned by people who are relatively new to Jewish observance and participation, and who sincerely believe that *music itself*, aside from some familiar melodies, is really not traditional or proper, or that it is, in fact, church-inspired and, therefore, *not appropriate.*

Firstly, let me point out that observance of *all authentic tradition*, including that related to prayer and music is *exceedingly* important to me; and, indeed, if organ music did not have significant traditional precedent in Jewish worship, I certainly would not be officiating with it! Secondly, the use of the organ in a large percentage of major synagogues of the Conservative movement throughout the world has been traditional since the inception of our movement more than a century ago. In fact, a great many European synagogues leaning more toward Orthodoxy (with separate seating for men and women) have always used the organ in services. Thirdly, and most important, music with instruments, used in prayer and worship, is one of the *most traditional and ancient* elements in Judaism, dating back to the Bible and the earliest worship in the Temple. We Jews *probably created* worshipping with music. We gave this concept to the world! The Bible gives detailed requirements for thorough musical training of the Levites for their performance of music in the Temple. The book of Psalms is full of details of all the orchestral instruments used, and the Talmud describes the *magrepha*, a mighty organ which was the most powerful of all instruments in the Temple. Instruments and elaborate singing were especially prominent on auspicious occasions, including Shabbat, Festivals and even Yom Kippur!

With the destruction of the First Temple in 586 B.C.E., we see in Psalms "How can we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" — and so, we "hung up our harps." When the Temple was rebuilt, music returned. With the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E, all music was banned by the rabbis as a sign of mourning, and quite understandably so. In practice, however, it was impossible to prohibit the Jewish people from making music. Singing returned gradually to the synagogue and happy occasions such as weddings became highlighted with the lifting of the ban on musical instruments. Singing became prominent in the synagogue in the Middle Ages, primarily through the flourishing of poetic liturgical hymns (*piyyutim*), and throughout these two thousand years, *hazzanim* with increasingly more sophisticated choirs (*meshor'rim*) brought meaning to the prayers through music. In the sixteenth century, organs were reintroduced into Jewish prayer and were used in some prominent synagogues for the first part of Friday evening services (*Kabbalat Shabbat*). With the liberal movement of the nineteenth century, organ music not only flourished in Reform synagogues, but also brought new meaning to our ancient prayers in moderately liberal (neolog) congregations that were the forerunners of Conservative synagogues.

So why then has the Orthodox world never accepted this? The playing of instruments on Shabbat and Festivals has continued to be forbidden as part of the ban dating back to the destruction of the Temple. Many observant Conservative Jews today, wishing to increase observance in their own lives, look to the style of Orthodox synagogues as they are now — many of which have *abandoned* much sacred tradition in dropping choirs, Hazzanut and even sacred *nusach* (traditional) prayer modes — as their model of authenticity.

Are we Conservative Jews really still mourning the destruction of the Temple?

— Cantor David Lefkowitz

(Next month: more about choirs and music in davening.)

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3	**4** 5 P.M. Purim Service for Young Children 5:45 P.M. Minhah and Purim Megillah Reading	**5** 6:30 A.M. Purim Megillah Reading 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting 1 P.M. Retirees Group 8 P.M. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	**6** Sherr Institute Courses: 7 P.M. Why Be Jewish? With Rabbi Zaiman 8 P.M. King David/ House of David	**7** 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session	**8** 6:15 P.M. Annual Men's Club Friday Night Service 7:15 P.M. Congregational Shabbat Dinner Light Candles 5:35 P.M.	**9** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:15 A.M. Havurah Service 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
10 11 A.M.— 1 P.M. Purim Carnival	**11** 7:30 P.M. WEG Open Meeting	**12** 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 1 P.M. Retirees Group 6:45 P.M. Beginners Hebrew 7:30 P.M. PAS Support Group 8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	**13** Sherr Institute Courses: 7 P.M. Why Be Jewish? With Rabbi Zaiman 8 P.M. King David/ House of David	**14** 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session	**15** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 5:43 P.M.	**16** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 20th Annual Shabbat Liturgical Music Service Bar Mitzvah of Benjamin Bernstein 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
17	**18** 8 P.M. Jewish Book Discussion Group	**19** 8 A.M. Talmud on Tuesday Morning 10:30 A.M. Annual Sisterhood Lecture Series 1 P.M. Sisterhood Open Meeting Retirees Group 6:45 P.M. Beginners Hebrew 8 P.M. Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	**20** Sherr Institute Courses: 7 P.M. Why Be Jewish? With Rabbi Zaiman 8 P.M. King David/ House of David 7:15 P.M. Melamed Club	**21** 12 Noon Lunch & Learn Session	**22** 6:15 P.M. Friday Night Service Light Candles 5:50 P.M.	**23** 7:30 A.M. Hashkama Service 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service 9:15 A.M. Havurah Service 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Service & Study
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